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From: Partridge, Charles [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=27DA56DA9A12472787EF56077099CF36-PARTRIDGE, CHARLES]
Sent: 12/4/2019 7:53:37 PM
To: Wall, Dan [wall.dan@epa.gov]; OBrien, Wendy [OBrien.Wendy@epa.gov]
CC: Greene, Nikia [Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]; Barnicoat, Dana [Barnicoat.Dana@epa.gov]; Wardell, Christopher [Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Query

Mechanical issue w the plane. Had to deplane, so I have an hour or so.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David McCumber <David.McCumber@mtstandard.com>
Date: December 4, 2019 at 12:48:01 PM MST
To: "Mutter, Andrew" <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Cc: "Partridge, Charles" <Partridge.Charles@epa.gov>
Subject: Query

Gentlemen:

I have been led to believe, in an off-the-record conversation, and I'm going to trust you on this, from Jon Sesso that he believes from talking with you, Charlie, that you and several other scientists – he used the number "20" – believe there is an error of enormous magnitude – he said grams to kilograms, or a thousandfold error – in the statistical analysis in the Hailer-McDermott meconium pilot study.

If you believe this to be correct, Charlie, I need to know before I write about this again, and I need to know specifically what has caused you and other scientists to believe this error exists. If you are merely suspicious of the methodology or the statistical analysis and need to wait until reviewing the raw data and analyzing the remaining splits, I need to know that, and I can keep that off the record. But what I can't do is proceed with coverage of this public meeting if there is a known error of that magnitude in this project.

Please let me know ASAP what the situation is so that I may write about it as accurately as possible. I am planning a story for tomorrow's edition of The Montana Standard.